

water and public conveniences are already available at the monument.

[*Translation*]

#### **Pre-School Child Education**

\*380. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission had prepared for Doordarshan in 1987 a project on pre-school child education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the Commission has provided financial assistance for preparing a Television Programme consisting of 13 episodes for pre-school children. These episodes are expected to sensitize pre-schoolers to learning of alphabets, numbers, health care,

sanitation, nutrition, geometric shapes and such like through the medium of songs, animation, puppetry and origami. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has agreed, in principle, to telecast the Programme as soon as the time slot is available.

[*English*]

#### **Saline Land**

\*381. DR KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas of saline land in the country; State-wise; and

(b) the details of the target set and funds allocated for development of Saline land during the Seventh Plan along with achievements made State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Statewise estimates of saline lands available are given here under:

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>State/Union Territory</b> | <b>Area*</b><br><i>(in million hectares)</i> |
|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1.             | Andhra Pradesh               | 0.18   |
| 2.             | Gujarat                      | 0.10   |
| 3.             | Haryana                      | 0.08   |
| 4.             | Karnataka                    | 0.33   |
| 5.             | Kerala                       | 0.12   |
| 6.             | Madhya Pradesh               | 0.08   |